

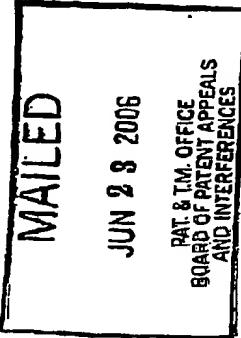


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Appellant: Timothy L. Hoopman et al.
Application No: 09/520,032
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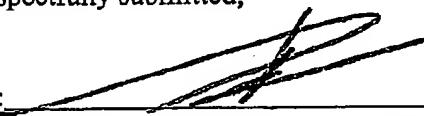
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As confirmed in the attached paper, Applicant waives attendance at the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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